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SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION (02.04-12)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO YURI YARALOV
OF GOSGRAZHDANSTROY, WITH COPIES TO VLADIMIR NOVIKOV OF
GOSGRAZHDANSTROY AND KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR MR. YARALOV: I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN MAKING THE RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.S.R.
OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION OF ROGERS, ANDERSON AND COMP
SUCCESSFUL. THE ITINERARY WAS WELL PLANNED AND THE U.S.
DELEGATES WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR VISIT.

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"I AM INFORMED BY ROGERS THAT A DELEGATION OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS MAY WISH TO COME TO THE U.S. IN SEPTEMBER TO VISIT AS MANY AS THREE CITIES IN ADDITION TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1976 WORK PROGRAM, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS TO BE PREPARED TO DELIVER PUBLIC LECTURES ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST DURING THIS VISIT.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR ORAL REQUEST TO ROGERS, WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT SEVERAL CITIES FOR

YOUR USE IN SELECTING APPROPRIATE PLACES FOR YOUR VISIT:

- CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: PERHAPS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION IN THE U.S. OF 18TH CENTURY BUILDINGS WITHOUT MAJOR INTRUSIONS.

- SAVANNAH, GEORGIA: VISITED BY THE 1975 SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY MARK ORLOV; AN UNPARALLELED EXAMPLE OF AN 18TH CENTURY PLANNED COMMUNITY WITH A CITY PLAN THAT STILL FUNCTIONS EFFECTIVELY.

- NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: BEST EVIDENCE IN THE U.S. OF FRENCH INFLUENCE IN HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE.

- SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC BUILDINGS FROM SPANISH AND MEXICAN PERIODS OF HISTORY- BEST EXAMPLE IN THE U.S. OF USE OF A RIVER AS A FOCAL POINT FOR URBAN LIFE AND ACTIVITY, TYING TOGETHER HISTORIC RESOURCES AND THE CONTEMPORARY CITY.

- SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO: ESTABLISHED IN 1610, SANTA FE RETAINS THE STRONGEST SPANISH FLAVOR OF ANY STATE CAPITAL. STRONG ZONING CONTROLS HAVE PRESERVED THE SPANISH AND AMERICAN INDIAN ARCHITECTURE. SANTA FE IS THE HOME OF SEVERAL LEADING CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTS, WITH WHOM CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE ARRANGED. AUTOMOBILE EXCURSIONS TO SUCH PLACES AS TAOS PUEBLO MIGHT ALSO BE ARRANGED. STONE AND MUD MASONRY PROBLEMS IN NEW MEXICO HAVE PARALLELS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESERVATION PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN U.S.S.R. AND CENTRAL ASIA.

- ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI: EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF EFFORTS BY A CITY TO REVIVE ITSELF BY COMBINING PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL FEATURES WITH CONSTRUCTION OF CONTEMPORARY BUILDINGS. MAJOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AREA IN THE CITY'S CENTER JUXTAPOSES AN

OLD COURTHOUSE AND CATHEDRAL WITH A 630 FOOT MEMORIAL ARCH DESIGNED BY EERO SARIINEN. SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR BUILDINGS PROVIDE EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS FOR PRESERVING HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT.

- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: RICH IN ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY OF THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. STRONG EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO FIND CONTEMPORARY USES FOR BUILDINGS THAT HAVE BECOME OUTMODED.

- BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS: PARTICULARLY RICH IN HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES, WITH RESTORATION OF MANY IN HONOR OF AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. GREATEST VARIETY IN U.S. OF IMPORTANT OLD AND NEW ARCHITECTURE. OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE OLD BUILDINGS REHABILITATED FOR NEW USES AND TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP OF CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE TO HISTORIC SURROUNDINGS.

- PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA: VISITED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY ORLOV IN 1975. THE PRIME CITY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, RICH IN 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY RESOURCES OF A LANDMARK AND NEIGHBORHOOD NATURE WITH CONTEMPORARY INSERTIONS.

"ROGERS INFORMS ME THAT YOU AND HE DISCUSSED THE NECESSITY OF LIMITING THE TOUR TO WASHINGTON AND THREE OTHER CITIES IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF TIME. HE SAID THAT CHARLESTON, SANTA FE, AND BOSTON HAD BEEN CONSIDERED. AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT APPEARS TO BE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE U.S.S.R., WE ESPECIALLY RECOMMEND WASHINGTON, SANTA FE, BOSTON, AND ONE OTHER CITY OF YOUR CHOICE. AIR TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE U.S. FOR SUCH AN ITINERARY WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$400 PER PERSON FOR WHICH YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE OPEN AIR TICKETS. WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ARRANGE AN ITINERARY ACCORDING TO OUR RECOMMENDATION OR TO YOUR PREFERENCE. OTHER CITIES NOT MENTIONED IN THIS LETTER CAN BE VISITED IF YOU SO DESIRE.

"ROGERS INDICATED TO ME THAT A MID-SEPTEMBER VISIT BY YOUR DELEGATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE. I WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST SEPTEMBER 14-28, WITH ARRIVAL IN AND DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, AS FEASIBLE DATES FOR YOUR VISIT.

"PLEASE LET ME KNOW, VIA THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE NAMES,

TITLES AND SPECIALTIES OF YOUR DELEGATES, THE SUBJECTS OF YOUR DELEGATES' LECTURES, YOUR PREFERENCES ON CITIES FOR THE ITINERARY, AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER DATES. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW THIS INFORMATION BY AUGUST 12 IN ORDER TO PROPERLY PROVIDE FOR YOUR VISIT.

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR DELEGATION THIS AUTUMN.
SINCERELY YOURS, ERNEST ALLEN CONNALLY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. LEADER FOR PROJECT IV-1.2." ROBINSON

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